

your society undoubtedly tickles it!

Your old failing again! 'Pon my word

old chap, I thought better of you!

Better of your prudence and foresight!

Why, I couldn't have had less of an

eye out for my own interests myself

in the days when you and I were con-

knows you made enough fuss about

worse and Terhune more obstinate.

CHAPTER IX.

time that had been alloted Terbune

at luncheon with us at one o'clock

in accordance with Mrs. James' re-

quest that he should be the referee

present at the house when the last

minute of Terhune's ten days of grace

should expire, and his expected pres-

ence at the meal brought it home to

us what a decisive one it must of

necessity be. Decisive was indeed the

right word to use in connection with

that meal! For if old Arch was still

free and unaffianced when he sat down

to it, he might as well never have

been nephew of his aunt as far as in-

heriting that aunt's property was con-

Dearest was inclined, being optimis-

tic enough to hope for a consumma-

Sixth before that time-to make of the

hymeneal nature. But Arch seemed

thoughts at dinner that night were so

absent, in fact, as to force one to con-

chado that the spectre of his aunt's

third cousin seated upon the veranda

of the house in Australia with pos-

sessive feet on the railing had be-

It was this apparent arxiety of his

The evening had ended at last and

Better still, Agatha Sixth seemed quite

sode of the waterfall, when Arch had

too, seemed quite contented, not a

tor's son from Wye. It was, in fact, a

as a speciator of its content I felt

particularly pleased when I thought

of what Arch had confided to me just

obtain a definite, and what he seemed

We had all gone to bed, and the

come his familiar spirit.

But when I reported the result of

SYNOPSIS.

Archibald Terhune, a popular and in-dolent young backelor of London, re-ceives news that he has been made heir to the estate of his Aunt Georgiana, with an income of \$20,000 a year, on condition that he becomes engaged to be married in the days when you and I were constituted within ten days. Failing to do so the legacy will go to a third count in America. The story opens at Castie Wyckoff, where Lord Vincent and his wife, friends of Terhune, are discussing plans to find him a wife within the prescribed time. It him a wife within the prescribed time. It seems that Lady Vincent is one of seven persons named Agatha, all close girlhood chums. She decides to invite two of them to the castle and have Archie there as one of the guests. Agatha Sixth strikes one of the guests. Agatha Sixth strikes Archie as a handpuinted beauty. Agatha First is a breezy American girl. Lady Vincent tells her husband that Agatha him, and it was with difficulty that I time by kneeling on the floor at my Vincent tells her husband that Agatha-Sixth aiready cares for Archie. He gains from Agatha Sixth the admission that she cares for him, but will require a month's time fully to make up her mind. Agatha First, neglected by Terhune, re-ceives attentions from Leslie Freer. Four days of the precious time have passed when Terhune is called to London on business. Agatha First, on the plea of sickness, excusss herself from a motor trip planned by the Vincents. Later they trip planned by the Vincents, Later they in which to select a wife. The folsee Agatha First picking flowers with a strange man. The Vincents discuss Agatha's seeming duplicity. The followday the party visits the ruins of an precisely, Dearest Maving invited him Terhune continues his attentions to Agatha Sixth. Then suddenly he transfers his attentions to Agatha First. Vincent scores him for his appar-

CHAPTER VIII .- Continued.

He glanced at me in a half embarrassed, half triumphant way, much as he used to do in the first Castle Wyckhoff house party days, when he was about to tell me of his latest clue in regard to the identity of the real

"Well, to be quite frank with you," he said, "the truth of the matter is cerned. that Agatha First won't let me alone!" "Meaning," I said, "that she's in love with you?"

"Well, of course," he replied, removing his eye-glass and polishing it desperately as is his custom when he pretends to be embarrassed, "I wouldn't like to say that exactly. I couldn't say positively, that is, but to a man of my experience in such matters and knowledge of the fair sex. the indications are-"

"O rot!" I interrupted, rudely, I fear, but really the old boy is quite too insufferably conceited to encourage. It's an old falling of his.

"What makes you think so?" I asked after a moment's consideration. Although I couldn't quite believe that and his feverish devotion to Agatha Agatha First was actually in love Sixth that utterly unprepared me for with him, still I wanted to hear his the unfortunate denouement later. reasons for the conclusion. I didn't want to believe it, that was certain. Dearest and I had succeeded in start-I thought we had trouble enough on ing a general move toward retiring our hands as it was, without having for the night. We had been playing to reckon with a broken heart on the bridge—that is, the two Agathas had part of Miss Endicott. And as this -with Terhune and the inevitable contingency assumed an air of prob- Freer, while my wife and I stood by ability to my mind, I inwardly vowed and cut in now and then. We had obagain never to undertake another served with pleasure that the party match-making project. Gad, no! Let of four had divided itself exactly as people marry themselves hereafter we would have arranged it ourselves; without any interference from me. I Terhune and Agatha Sixth were parthad had all I wanted of the thing this ners, as were Agatha First and Freer.

"What makes you think so?" I re- to have forgotten the unhappy epi-

peated. Arch shrugged his shoulders. "Can't so obviously missed his cue, and was help it. She's after me the whole openly basking in the return of her time! I suppose she can't help fancy- admirer's devotion. And Agatha First, ing a man of my-er-if I may somy attractions. I daresay I'm a revela- whit disturbed by this attitude on my tion to her in comparison with the triend's part and mildly amused by American college youths she has the attempted gallantries of the recprobably been used to. Experience and intellect does count, you know, thoroughly happy little foursome, and Wilfred. Besides, the results show-' But I out him short again.

"The results show," I said sternly, "that you're just enough of a chump before dinner. That he intended to to heed her manis for amusing herself with you-for I can't think she is to consider, a favorable answer, from in earnest" I had to tell him that Agatha Sixth on the morrow. for his own good, though I could have wished I felt surer this was the fact. "Her fondness for flirting with you awakened from the rippingest kind of marked that the applicant came of flatters you so much that you'd run the a sleep by the loudest kind of a bang very long-lived family. "Oh, you se risk of losing the girl you care for, you ever heard in your life. It came | dr." replied he, "my parents divjust for the sake of having that from the big drawing-room, which we many years ago, but, if living, wes agregious vanity of yours pleasantly did not often use, directly below my be aged as there put down." "Exalokied, as her apparent fancy for yoom, and woke me at once. It stand- I understand," said the agent.

ed for all the world as if some one or something had knocked over one of the endless number of statuettes heavy vases or little tables that make a regular auction shop of the place and I struggled into my bath robe is a minute to go and see what it was,

Dearest's room adjoined mine and l istened at the door to find out if she had been awakened, and hearing noth ing from her, went on my way down

I didn't much believe it could be a ourgiar; I had a hazy notion that it might be one of the dogs who had gotten in there somehow. There are no end of the big brutes about the place and sometimes one gets into the house for the night in spite of Dear est. So I wasn't in the least alarmed or apprehensive, and was just about to lay my hand on the drawing room folding doors, which were at the foot of the stairs, when I heard the lightest possible tread on the stairs behind me and a soft hand clatched my arm. It was Dearest, of course. "O Fred dy!" she gasped, "what is it?"

"One of the dogs, I expect," I told her. "What made you come?" "Why," she said in an indignant little whisper, "I came after you, of course! Do you think I'd let you go

all nlone?" "Why not?" I whispered. "I'm s afraid of!" "O, but there is!" she assured me. n a city.
"it's burglars—I know it is! They've The lat

ome to steal the Wyckhoff emeralds, know they have!" "Burglars nothing!" I answered 'it's one of the dogs, I say. Besides, if it were a burglar that's all the

nore reason why you should go back!" "And leave you to be killed all done? Never!" Sometimes, I admit it with a sort of ond regret, my wife is unreasonable. "It wouldn't help any if you were

killed, too!" I told her, "Besides, you'll catch cold. It's chilly down here, and I want you to go back." She caught the tone of authority in my voice, a tone I seldom use toward

her, and fell to pleading with me. "O Freddy, can't I stay?" she begged, "It's so exciting! See! I've brought you a pistol and here's an umbrella for me!" She came close up to me as she spoke and the gleam of starlight from "he hall windows fell upon her supplicating face and the old blunderbuss she had taken down

I laughed, if one may be said to laugh in a whisper, and hugged her for her spirit, armament and all. Then we turned to the folding doors again. Beneath them and through the crack between a faint light showed.

right hand, and the other weapon of

tefense she had "entioned in the

"Making himself pretty much at home for a burg'ar to light the lamp," I remember thinking. And I slowly and cautiously widened the aforesaid take the same view! And the Lord crack until a space of some two or three inches wide was obtained, the doors rolling back softly on each side without any noise at all. Then we persuaded her that speaking to him side, and thus obtaining a chink to herself would only make matters look through all to herself.

It was lucky she was so near the floor, I thought afterward, or she would certainly have fallen upon it with surprise when she beheld the

It was the very last evening of the thing our eyes asked of us to believe. For there at the far end of the draw ing room dimly distinguishable by the lowing day was to see Solicitor Barnes light of a lamp on the table, turned low, was Agatha First. We recognized her even in that light without fail, dressed as she had been that evening for dinner, and standing with his back toward us and his arm around her was a man in an attitude unmistakably lover-like and possessive. And through the hush of that late hour the low murmur of their absorbed voices penetrated the inmost recess of our staggered consciousness. Agatha First and a man meeting by secret at that hour!

What could it mean? Who could it the woods the day of our trip to Northrequiring any further proof such as at 2 cents an acre. tion of his engagement to Agatha we had had on the other occasion when we had waited until the discovluncheon a sort of marriage-feast in planning famous ices and cakes of a sure. In this instance we neither of not to view the approach of the cru- of Miss Endicott's companion in her

cial day with such a light heart. His equivocal position. Freer had said good night and gone on down to the village at ten o'clock when the party had broken up. It could not be he. Then it must of necessity be Terhune. Indeed, what other man would have the opportunity for such a meeting? Who else was staying at the castle?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

A Sparkling Novellat. A New York editor, at the Century club told a story about Robert W. Chambers, the well-known young novelist.

"Chambers went one summer," he said, "to Sunapee with his brother. At the Ben Mere Inn the aristicratic old ladies in rocking chairs, scafed on the cool piazza that overlooks the lake were very much stirred up by Mr. Chambers' arrival. Whenever he appeared they gathered about him and talked books.

"Chambers was always ready for them. He had always on his lips some witty saying to double them up. 'Oh, Mr. Chambers,' cried an old lady one day, 'I admire "Lorraine" so much! I've read it eight times!"

"'Madam,' answered Chambers, with bow, I would rather hear you say you'd bought eight copies."

His Literal Answer. In all policies of insurance these, among a host of other questions, oc cur: "Age of father, if living?" "Age of mother, living?" A man in th country who filled up an application made his father's age, "If living," one hundred and twelve years, and hi mother's one hundred and two. Th agent was amazed at this, and fancie ne had secured an excellent customer night was well advanced, when I was out, feeling somewhat dubious, he re



## Will Scrutinize the Bank Borrowers



WASHINGTON.—Comptroller of the Currency Murray is now hard at control of the national banks. He re- as by over-sanguine estimates. juires the examiners to make their

strain their credit scon get beyond the resources of their home banks. They go abroad for loans. Note brokers derive their profit from this practise. When fallures occur it often happens at points remote from each other. One lender does not know how many others have been buying the same sort of paper. Reliance on business he understood babies. He knew that chorus: work in making sharper and more statements becomes trust on broken they should be held head downward earching the official supervision and reeds by changed conditions as well

The new policy of Comptroller Murnvestigations more complete and ex- ray will tend to restrict credit at both acting. He has changed examiners ends of the transaction. Borrowers cure. rom one district to another, and if who expand unduly will take warning hey thus lose something of knowledge when they learn that record of all bout local conditions, they are set their loans is kept for review. They ree from influences which breed par- will discern the need of caution in putiality and prejudice. Official inquiry ting out their obligations, and will do nan. Hesides, there's nothing to be a in this way lifted above cliques and less business on other people's caphe mastery of one or two institutions ital. They will feel some alarm at the broad semi-publicity of their affairs The latest step is to call on the ex- and will reduce their appeals to lendminers in the several districts to ers. The weakest of the large bornake dut lists of the concerns which rowers will first be compelled to reure largest borrowers at the banks. duce their loans. All who rely too such reports from the 11 districts are much on borrowing will see the veil o be tabulated at the Washington lifted from their operations and will ffice which will be so created a clear- come to act knowing that they are dong house of commercial credits. The ing business in the open. Those who Having done this, her duties were good looking and well dressed for a secord is to be kept in confidence, are fairly entitled to the credit which and the names of banks carrying they ask can get no harm. The danneavy lines of paper will not be ex- ger of the output of bad paper will be diminished, and banks will be warned Individuals and corporations which against assets not desirable.

#### Savings Made in the Naval Service



from some wall and carried in her WITH a navy increasing in size, the right hand, and the other weapon of W estimates for the expense of the estimates for the expense of the naval establishment for the next fiscal year show a saving of over \$4,-900,000, as compared with the amount appropriated last year. For the present fiscal year the estimates were \$10,000,000 less than the appropriations for the preceding year. The two years taken together show economy with increased efficiency.

> encouraged and has resulted in better target practise, economy in coal consumption and in consumption of supunder cruising conditions have been saving of about \$100,000. conducted. The fastest battleships on the recent full power trials were under the present system of navyeard organization.

petitions, where ship has been pitted | near future.

against ship, man against man and of ficer against officer. In this way every one has been put upon his mettle and results have closely measured the relative worth of the various ships and officers.

The cost of work at navy yards has fallen materially. Steel castings made at navy yards have been reduced from about 9 cents a pound to about 5 cents, and iron castings have been cut from about 41/2 cents a pound to 214

Although the navy has increased in size, the cost of the coal is expected to be about \$1,000,000 less during the current fiscal year than during the previous one. The estimates for fuel for the coming year have been decreased by \$1,000,000. Improvement Competition in the fleet has been has been made in the use of lubricating oil. The cost of supplies has been reduced by more than 20 per cent, and in freight and transportaplies. Full power trials of vessels tion of supplies there has been a

The most serious waste of funds under the navy department has prob the only ones repaired at navy yards ably been that due to expenditures upon vessels that are not fit to take part in any future war. There are The greatest progress in the navy many of these vessels that will probhas been in target practise. It has ably be relegated to the reserve or oeen due to carefully conducted com- be placed out of commission in the

## Supreme Court May Unsquat 300,000



THE legal battle which has raged In Kentucky for several generations over the validity of so-called "blanket" grants of land by Virginia, the mother state, and even Kentucky statehood, has come before the Sube? The surprise of my discovery in preme court of the United States for monwealth, with its court houses and decision. Titles to lands now said to bury was as nothing to this! But be worth at least \$10,000,000 depend internal improvements. alas! We knew only too well this upon the decision of the court. Origtime who the man was, and without inally some of the land was procured general has said in a brief, filed with

diately after this case, it is expected \$75.

the suits involving the title of the eastern Kentucky lands will be taken

About 2,500,000 acres of land are said to lie under the doubtful title of these "blanket" grants. On the other hand, 300,000 citizens of Kentucky have entered these lands. Claimants inder the "blanket" grants call them

'squatters." The attorney general of the com nonwealth of Kentucky has ap peared in the supreme court to as sert in defense of their claim of title itself during the earlier years of that they are the people who have built up the state, and erected a comschool houses, its municipalities and

They have for years, the attorney the court, paid taxes on the land Arguments were made as to the while a search of the records, where constitutionality of the Kentucky such information would be found, he honor of that event, and was already ery of the checked coat before we felt statute under which it is claimed a says, shows that the sum total of all forfeiture of the title to 40,000 acres taxes paid by the claimants under the us doubted for a moment the identity of land, held by the Kentucky Union Virginia grants in litigation, since company, would be worked in favor the organization of Kentucky in 1792 of the occupants of the land. Imme- to the present time, does not exceed

will be started simultaneously in New

Officers at ports of entry have been

culiar care. Meanwhile officers at in

trict Attorney Whitman made an ef

ous cities. They will simply go after

novements of all suspects.

and San Francisco.

## Uncle Sam Goes After White Slavers



THE government of the United A States has turned its whole detective machinery toward unearthing and fort to trap some of the men back destroying the white slave traffic, as of the trade in that city, but they es it exists between the states or between caped. The only way to capture the foreign countries and the United offenders, according to the agents of States. It is the plan of the depart- the department of justice, is to have ment of justice to make one sweep on the authorities of all the large vities all the large cities at once, and strike, act together. The government agents

if possible, one staggering blow at the will not try to "clean up" the vari traffic. The government's authority comes the leaders of the syndicate. from the Mann act, imposing upon the In Chicago some arrests have been interstate aspects of the crime penal- made, but these are only the begin ties of five years' imprisonment or a ning of the general crusade, it is fine of \$5,000. According to informa- said. In several cases it was found tion already received at Washington, that men in that city had brought Pittsburg is the center of the trade, women from France. Some of the though clues discovered in Chicago lines developed in Chicago by these

make that city an important substa- arrests can be traced throughout the tion. The firsts swoop, it is intended, country.

Not the Only Sufferer. An Example. "I don't believe in spiritualism and The domesticated ostrich had just wouldn't have anylody in my employ been relieved of his "tips." "Trimme again!" he grouned: "I wonder w "Yet only yesterday I saw one of the S. P. C. A. doesn't agitate for

our clerks who had sold some liquor anti-tipping legislation?" o a customer, and he was doing some Microscopia. pirit wrapping." "You'll not find a steak like this i a hurry," boasted the tall walter. Brilliant idea. Uncle Treetop (on his way to the And the guest looked up with a

entist's office)-"Most likely it'll stop | icy smile. ching by the time I get in the chair. "I should say not. It is so seemed if it does, I'll pretend I've made a mis- hidden under these few chips of take and tell him I want a haircut." | tatoes it is doubtful if I find it all."

# Somebody's Baby

By LAWRENCE ALFRED CLAY

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-that they should be given a father-

It was her duty to recommend sage ter and catnip mixture and mild ferring to Miss Ethel: mustard plasters and to declare that the baby looked justs like its father.

Ethel Huntington, Mrs. Congdon's She was not to blame for being an poked fun at her, but she was loyal



Smiled at the Man Bending Over It.

to the child. She characterized it as the nicest, sweetest, brightest, handsomest, darlingest thing ever born, and if she could have kissed it oftmer she would certainly have flat- that

Mrs. Congdon and baby were duly left at grandma's and duly welcomed. The infant was kissed, toasted, hugged, flattered and talked to, and the day passed without calamity. Along toward five o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Congdon telephoned that his firm had given him an errand to do. and that the wife must make her way home alone. This brought Ethel to the front. She would not only accompany her sister to the depot in the taxi, but take the train home with her and hold that "darlingest' on her lap all the way. It was settled at once that this should be the program, and at a certain hour It was carried out. That is, the two ladies and the young prodigy were landed at the Chestnut street depot twenty minutes too late for one train and thirty minutes too early for an-

The ladies' waiting room, of course, was the only place left to them. After ten minutes Mrs. Congdon went out to buy a ticket for Ethel, having ber own return in her purse. She met friends and stopped to chat-the history of the baby had to be told. She was proud of the opportunity to

Time was passing and Aunt Ethel became impatient. More time passed, York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Chicago and she became alarmed. She picked up the sleeping baby and walked out into the general room to find her asked to increase their vigilance and sister. Just then a young man waltto inspect female immigrants with pe ing for a train fainted away. Some ity actually kicked and fought and said it was a case of love, and some cried when torn from the arms of land cities will watch and report the that he had a weak heart. A crowd its bold-faced abductor, gathered. Just then somebody said In New York some months ago Dis the depot was on fire. He fied about case they appeared to be after exit, but his object was praiseworthy, planations had been made, was be He wanted to add to the excitement. and he certainly did.

and excitable. Down went baby on one of the continental cities visited

Mrs. George Congdon had run into caretaker. She spent ten minutes Philadelphia for the day to visit her looking at the young man and rushmother. She had brought with her ing around to find where the fire was, her girl baby, ten months old, and and was then taken by the arm by had been accompanied by her hus her sister and rushed for the train, that the bankrupt is debtor to banks band as nurse girl. His business was and they were hardly aboard when in the city, and at five o'clock he the wheels began to move. They had would call for and take her home. found a seat when they suddcily Mr. Congdon was a young man, but missed something and cried out in

"My stars, but where is haby?" If Miss Ethel Huntington hadn't ly finger to bite when they cried, and been to excited when she laid baby that tickling the bottoms of their feet down she might have noticed Paul when they had the colle was + certain Ashley sitting close by. She would have pronounced him a young man of That was the finest baby in the about twenty-three, very good-looking, state of Pennsylvania. The father, well dressed and a gentleman. She the mother, the grandmother, Aunt could have figured, that he was there Ethel and all the neighbors at the to take a train, but would have had to Congdon suburban home said so, guess that he was a civil engineer, Realizing, young as she was, that Yes, he sat there, and he saw baby she would be kept awake at night dumped down and knew that the exwhen her sparking days came, she citement had called its attendant got as much infant sleep as possible. away. He moved one seat nearer the Mrs. Huntington, the grandmother, infant, instead of three seats further had very little to do with the baby. away, as many a young man would have done, and he said to himself, rs-

"She lan't the mother, or she'd never have done that, and she's too nurse girl. Couldn't have brought the kid here to abandon. Not old only sister, was nineteen years old. enough to be so hardened. Probably come back in five minutes. Ha! aunt at that age. Some of the girls There she goes for the train with another lady! Clear case, and the kid goes to a foundling home!"

But it didn't. It awoke and smiled at the man bending over it. He smiled back. Then a woman came up and blushed and laughed and

"So the minx played a game on you?"

"If you want to hand it back on her I can help you," continued the woman with the same sarcastic smile. "There was another woman with her, and she went away to buy a ticket for Blankville, twenty miles out. That's where they have gone together."

"And that's where I'll follow," said Mr. Ashley. "I think I can get it there all right."

"Sure. You are a young man of spunk. It has a nursing bottle here,

and if it cries, you feed it." When the baby was missed by its mother and aunt the train was under full headway. The railroad company doesn't stop and back up its trains for lost babies. The only way was to get off at the first station, seven miles out, and send a telegram to the depot master and follow it by the first train. Another telegram was sent to the father. Mother and aunt returned to the city and rushed up and down the big depot. They found plenty of babies, but not the baby wanted. After twent; minutes of the greatest anxiety, and after Miss Ethel had pointed out the spot ten times over where she had laid the infant down, an old man who explained ever his train came along, added

"Say, I saw a young fellow steal that kid! Yes, sir, he looked all around to see if anybody was watching, and then smiled and clucked at her and took her up and walked out to a train. I'd have tackled him, only I'm an old man and have a bad liver The doctor told me not to get excited. Yes, sir, he stole that baby as sure as shooting, and he'r a hun-

dred miles away by this time!" There was weeping and wailing and telephoning to Mr. Congdon and telegraphing to conductors. One of the latter answered

"Young man with a baby in his arms got off at Blankville. Had my suspicions."

The trail led to Blankville. Irony of Fate! Young man steals a baby in Philadelphia and gets off the train where it's father and mother live. A telegram to the police at Blankville read:

"Arrest young man who got of five o'clock train with a girl baby. Case of kidnaping."

And there being no case for the police to blunder and arrest an old woman leading a goat, they nabbed Mr. Paul Ashley as he sat in the depot playing with the stolen child and asking everybody if they could identify it. Father, mother and Auni Ethel arrived and ruched and precipitated themselves, and that sweetest nicest, darlingest little bit of human-

The police had no case. The . 'y tween Miss Ethel and Mr. Ashley. It hasn't been fully concluded yet, but Young Aunt Ethel was impetuous it has been settled that Paris will be a vacant seat, and away rushed the during the coming summer.

## A Case of Pity Misplaced

A good many books and plays are | plty. The brakes must be put on fz based on the idea of a man's taking time.—Chicago Record-Herald. up a line of thought or action and sticking to it long enough to carry it through. But working toward such a elin:ax demands a rigorous consistency that may not be true to nature, for see from a concrete example how real life slews us round.

Here is the case of a man who was drugged and robbed of his life's savings. He pursued the offender for the beginning of the government, and months, over hundreds of miles. caught him and secured his conviction and imprisonment. A well-exe- that they should have justice in the cuted piece of vengeance, you say; a highest tribunal of the land. The public duty handsomely performed. But no; the avenger weakens, turns tail, back-pedals or whatever you Hke, and is now working as hard to get the criminal pardoned as he once

worked to get him jailed. Such a lack of consistency and conthulty is, of course, rulnous to a wellrounded plot. Clearly, there is always the risk that stated vengeance may produce a revulsion of feeling and that justice may be elbowed out he body's

Curious Oath.

in the second oath administered to a man about to take his seat in the supreme court of the United States he swears among other things, "to do equal right to the poor and to the rich." It has been in the oaths from must have been fashioned for the express purpose of assuring the poor terms used are good plain English and easily understood.

Politics and Cucumbers. "And what," asked a visitor to the North Dakota state fair, "do you call

hat kind of oucumber?" "That," replied a Fargo politician, is the insurgent cucumber. It doesn't always agree with a party."- Myory.